

Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 21; 1Thes. 4; Daniel 3; Psalm 107.

October 18 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Kings 21

The account of Naboth's vineyard is disheartening and at the same time full of lessons to be learned. His story also serves as a type and shadow of Yahusha caring for His Father's vineyard in His Father's land. The account is a spiritual one, that spills over into the physical realm. A clear battle between good and evil. A clear battle of man's flesh being directed by YHWH or Ba'al.

Ahab wanted to fulfill the lust of his eyes by obtaining Naboth's vineyard for his own selfish use as a vegetable garden. As king, it seems he would have had other kingdom matters to occupy his time; but as we will see, though Ahab was king of Israel; the spirit of Jezebel reigned.

When Ahab fails to obtain Naboth's vineyard he behaves as a child; he pouts and refuses to eat. In steps 'mommy dearest' Jezebel to kiss his bobo and make everything better. One can't help but see a pattern here. A person can only fulfill their purpose, by submitting their life to YHWH. There are only two camps:

- The camp ruled by YHWH.
- The camp ruled by Ba'al.

It is disturbing today as we look around and see lives living under similar directions of Ba'al. Men are being portrayed as weak, feminized, lovers of self. When men or women buy in to such deception by the enemy, grave danger lies ahead. They turn their lives over to the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and pride of life, while they allow the enemy to 'write letters or laws' on their behalf; and they allow the enemy to 'seal' devilish decisions. They become the ruled rather than the rulers.

In these last days, the spirits of Jezebel and Delilah are sadly flourishing. These spirits work in the flesh of both males and females. The enemy is inside the 'camp'; businesses, 'churches', families, schools, movies, debased commercials, sports, and so on.

Naboth knew the camp he was in; He belonged to YHWH and he stood his ground, even unto death. Today, each person must firmly know which camp they belong to. There is no middle ground and there is no more time. Decision time is now, today. As stated by Joshua:

Jos 24:15 “And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve יהוה, choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But I and my house, we serve יהוה.**”

Only in YHWH is there victory through our High Priest and King Yahusha HaMashiach after the order of Melchizedek!

Naboth's Vineyard

1Ki 21:1 And it came to be, after these events, that Naboth the Yizre'elite had a vineyard which was in Yizre'el, near the palace of Ahab the sovereign of Shomeron.

1Ki 21:2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, “Give me your vineyard, and it shall be a vegetable garden for me, since it adjoins my house. And let me give you a better vineyard for it. If it is good in your eyes, let me give you its worth in silver.”

1Ki 21:3 And Naboth said to Ahab, **“Far be it from me, by יהוה, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!”**

1Ki 21:4 And Ahab went into his house embittered and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Yizre'elite had spoken to him when he said, **“I do not give you the inheritance of my fathers.”** And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and did not eat food.

1Ki 21:5 And Izebel his wife came to him, and said to him, **“Why is your spirit so embittered that you are not eating food?”**

1Ki 21:6 And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Yizre'elite, and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for silver, or if you prefer, I give you another vineyard for it.’ But he answered, ‘I do not give you my vineyard.’ ”

1Ki 21:7 So Izebel his wife said to him, **“Do you now rule over Yisra'el? Rise up, eat food, and let your heart be glad. Let me give you the vineyard of Naboth the Yizre'elite!”**

- **1Ki 21:8** **Then she wrote letters in Ahab's name,**
- **and sealed them with his seal,**
- **and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth.**

The 'accuser of the brethren' "sets-up Naboth before a 'kangaroo court.' Today steps continue to be taken to "set-up" believers to be put to death by beheading before a re-established Sanhedrin kangaroo court system. If they get their way by pouting and crying anti-Semitism, by those that say they are 'Jews' and are not, there would only be a need for 'one' witness to accuse a believer in Yahusha under 'their' Noahide Laws.

1Ki 21:9 And she wrote in the letters, saying,

- "Proclaim a fast,
- and seat Naboth at the head of the people,
- **1Ki 21:10** and seat two men, sons of Beliya'al before him to bear witness against him, saying,
 - 'You have blasphemed Elohim and the sovereign.'
 - Then you shall take him out, and stone him to death."

Sons of Beliya'al accuse Naboth. When the enemy wants your life; false witnesses can be found at the 'drop of a hat.' Just ask religiously and politically persecuted prisoners! Ask them about CMUs. Though the enemy may treat them as 'dogs' today; their day is coming because vengeance belongs to YHWH!

1Ki 21:11 And the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Izebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them.

1Ki 21:12 They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth at the head of the people.

1Ki 21:13 And the men, sons of Beliya'al, came in and sat before him. And the men of Beliya'al witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying,

- "Naboth has blasphemed Elohim and the sovereign!"
- So they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, and he died.

1Ki 21:14 And they sent to Izebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned and is dead."

1Ki 21:15 And it came to be, when Izebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Izebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Yizre'elite, which he refused to give you for silver, for Naboth is not alive but dead."

1Ki 21:16 And it came to be, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose to go down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Yizre'elite.

YHWH Condemns Ahab

1Ki 21:17 And the word of יהוה came to Ēliyahu the Tishbite, saying,

- ❖ **1Ki 21:18** "Rise up, go down to meet Ahab sovereign of Yisra'el, who lives in

Shomeron.

- ❖ See, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it.
- ❖ **1Ki 21:19** “And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה, “Have you murdered and also taken possession?” ’
- ❖ And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה, “In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs are going to lick your blood, even yours.” ’ ”

1Ki 21:20 And Ahab said to Elyahu,

- ❖ “Have you found me, O my enemy?”
- ❖ And he answered, “I have found you, **because you have sold yourself to do evil** in the eyes of יהוה:
- ❖ **1Ki 21:21** See, I am bringing evil on you, and shall consume your descendants, and cut off from Ahab every male in Yisra’el, both those shut up and those left at large,
 - **1Ki 21:22** and make your house like the house of Yarob’am son of Nebat, and like the house of Ba’asha son of Ahiyah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me, and made Yisra’el sin.’
- ❖ **1Ki 21:23** **“And also of Izebel יהוה has spoken, saying, ‘The dogs are going to eat Izebel by the wall of Yizre’el.’**
 - **1Ki 21:24** “The dogs are going to eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city,
 - and the birds of the heavens are going to eat whoever dies in the field.”

Ahab's Repentance

1Ki 21:25 Indeed, there never was anyone like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of יהוה, because Izebel his wife stirred him up.

- **1Ki 21:26** And he acted very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom יהוה dispossessed from before the children of Yisra’el.

Ahab sincerely repents and YHWH delays judgement upon his house; but judgement would still come.

1Ki 21:27 And it came to be, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

1Ki 21:28 And the word of יהוה came to Elyahu the Tishbite, saying,

1Ki 21:29 “See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I do not bring the evil in his days, but in the days of his son I bring the evil on his house.”

1Thes. 4 The final priesthood shift has been made once and for all. The Melchizedek

Priesthood that predated the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, is once again in the reigning position under the New Covenant Confirming Gospel Message of Yahusha HaMashiach and Covenant Torah. Those entering covenant with Him have entered His Melchizedek Priesthood of which He is our High Priest. We are now a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people and nation! Honestly, I cannot state this enough because there are so many that still do not understand who they are! We are Israel, the one new man with Yahusha as the head [Col 1:18].

Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lēwitical priesthood – for under it the people were given the Torah – why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Malkitsedeq, and not be called according to the order of Aharon?

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed,^b of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

Under His Covenant Torah, we, as His priests, should now know **how to possess our own vessel in set-apartness and respect for we ARE the temple!** We now should know the difference between clean and unclean! We are **His kingdom of priests** and priests KNOW these matters. He speaks directly to His people and His people KNOW His voice! Praise YHWH! All glory and esteem be His and to Yahusha HaMashiach (YHWH in Son)! Love more; live peaceably; behave decently to those outside. **This is what Paul is writing to the Thessalonians.**

A Life Pleasing to Elohim

1Th 4:1 For the rest then, brothers, we beg you and call upon you in the Master **יהושע**, that as you received from us how you should walk and to please Elohim, you should excel still more,

1Th 4:2 for you know what commands we gave you through the Master **יהושע**.

1Th 4:3 For this is the desire of Elohim: your set-apartness! – that you should abstain from whoring,

1Th 4:4 that each one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in set-apartness and respect,

1Th 4:5 not in passion of lust, like the nations who do not know Elohim,

1Th 4:6 not to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Master is the revenger of all such, as we indeed said to you before and earnestly warned.

1Th 4:7 For Elohim did not call us to uncleanness, but in set-apartness.

1Th 4:8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but Elohim, who also gives us His Set-apart Spirit.

When studying any book of the Bible, one of the first questions we should ask ourselves is what priesthood is reigning? With each shift in priesthood there is a shift in the law. (Heb. 7:11-12 above). One must have eyes to see how His entire Torah should be rightly divided by discerning what priesthood is reigning based on the historical timeline; thereby, understanding what 'law' that time period was under. Yahusha had ushered in the 'shift'. He was born 'under' the Book of the Law and obeyed the Book of the Law; yet, all the while He Himself was ushering in a greater priesthood and new covenant.

1Th 4:9 And it is not necessary to write to you about brotherly love, for you yourselves are taught by Elohim to love one another,

1Th 4:10 for, in fact, you do so toward all the brothers who are in all Makedonia. But we call upon you, brothers, that you do so more and more,

1Th 4:11 and to make it your ambition to live peaceably, and to attend to your own, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,

1Th 4:12 so that you behave decently toward those who are outside, and not be in any need.

The Coming of YHWH

1Th 4:13 Now, brothers, we do not wish you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you be sad as others who have no expectation.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that יהושע died and rose again, so also Elohim shall bring with Him those who sleep^a in יהושע. Footnote: ^aA euphemism for death.

1Th 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we, the living who are left over at the coming of the Master shall in no way go before those who are asleep.

1Th 4:16 Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of a chief messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air – and so we shall always be with the Master.

1Th 4:18 So, then, encourage one another with these words.

As we conclude, the last verses in 1Thes. 4 are major eschatological references. We all may vary in our understanding of what, when (the season), and how things will take place in the end times; but we can all agree that those in Him will be resurrected and be given glorified bodies; and so, shall be forever in the Master.

Daniel 3 Types, shadows, and patterns continue.

Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Image

Dan 3:1 Nebūkadnetšar the sovereign made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of

Babel.

Rev 13:14 And he leads astray those dwelling on the earth because of those signs which he was given to do before the beast, saying to those dwelling on the earth to make **an image** to the beast who was wounded by the sword, yet lived.

Dan 3:2 And Sovereign Neḅuḳaḍnetstsar sent word to gather together the viceroys, the nobles, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, **to come to the dedication of the image** which Sovereign Neḅuḳaḍnetstsar had set up.

Dan 3:3 Then the viceroys, the nobles, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that Sovereign Neḅuḳaḍnetstsar had set up. And they stood before the image that Neḅuḳaḍnetstsar had set up.

Dan 3:4 **Then a herald loudly proclaimed**, “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

Dan 3:5 that as soon as you hear the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the pipes, and all kinds of instruments, you shall fall down and do obeisance to the gold image that Sovereign Neḅuḳaḍnetstsar has set up.

Dan 3:6 **“And whoever does not fall down and do obeisance is immediately thrown into the midst of a burning furnace of fire.”**

Dan 3:7 So as soon as all the people heard the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, all kinds of instruments, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and did obeisance to the gold image that Sovereign Neḅuḳaḍnetstsar had set up.

The Fiery Furnace

Dan 3:8 Thereupon, at that time, **certain Kasdim came forward and accused the Yehudim.**

Dan 3:9 They spoke and said to Sovereign Neḅuḳaḍnetstsar, “O sovereign, live forever!

✚ Dan 3:10 “You, O sovereign, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the pipes, and all kinds of instruments, **shall fall down and do obeisance to the gold image,**

✚ Dan 3:11 and **whoever does not fall down and do obeisance is thrown into the midst of a burning furnace of fire.**

Evil targets the faithful. The battle is between good and evil; Esau and Jacob [Israel]. The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy; and the enemy’s color is red; ‘blood’ red.

Dan 3:12 “There are certain Yehudim whom you have set over the work of the province of Babel: **Shadraq, Mēyshaq, and Abēd-Neḡo.** These men, O sovereign, pay no heed to you. They do not serve your elahin, and they are not doing obeisance to the gold image which you have set up.”

Dan 3:13 Then Nebukadnetstsar, in rage and wrath, gave orders to bring Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō. Then they brought these men before the sovereign.

Dan 3:14 Nebukadnetstsar spoke and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō, that you do not serve my elahin, and you do not do obeisance to the gold image which I have set up?”

Nebukadnetstsar reviews his decree with Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō.

Dan 3:15 “Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the pipes, and all kinds of instruments, and you fall down and do obeisance to the image which I have made, good! But if you do not do obeisance, you are immediately thrown into the midst of a burning furnace of fire. **And who is the elah who does deliver you from my hands?”**

They respond.

Dan 3:16 Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō answered and said to the sovereign, “O Nebukadnetstsar, **we have no need to answer you in this matter.**”

- ❖ **Dan 3:17** “For if so, our Elah whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning furnace of fire and from your hand, O sovereign – He does deliver!”
- ❖ **Dan 3:18** “But if not, let it be known to you, O sovereign, that we do not serve your elahin, nor do we do obeisance to the gold image which you have set up.”

Nebukadnetstsar manifests the evil spirit driving him by exhibiting wrath, along with his distorted facial expression. This is a clear sign of evil manifesting in the flesh.

Dan 3:19 Then Nebukadnetstsar was filled with wrath, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō.

- He responded and gave orders that **they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usual to heat it.**
- **Dan 3:20** And he **commanded some of the strongest men of his army to bind** Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō,
- and throw them into the burning furnace of fire.

We often see the 'pattern' of "overkill" when the enemy comes against YHWH's anointed. We see here the furnace is heated seven times hotter; we see the 'strongest' of men summoned to bind Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aḃēd-Neḡo. These guys are 'geeks' if you will; they are men of study.

We have seen Paul and Silas beaten with rods because of mob rule and put into prison; but not only 'prison', they are put in the 'inner prison'; and not only the 'inner prison', they have their feet fastened in stocks. [Acts 16]

Yahusha spoke to the crowds in Matthew 26: "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to arrest Me? Daily I sat with you, teaching in the Set-apart Place, and you did not seize Me.

You see, it is the enemy working behind man's flesh that is well aware of the inner power and authority of believers in YHWH. It is this Ba'al spirit that compels them to exorbitant measures.

Dan 3:21 So these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, and their turbans, and their other garments, and were thrown into the midst of the burning furnace of fire.

- **Dan 3:22** Thereupon, because the sovereign's order was urgent,
- and the furnace exceedingly hot,
- the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aḃēd-Neḡo.
- **Dan 3:23** And these three men, Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aḃēd-Neḡo, fell down bound into the midst of the burning furnace of fire.

Dan 3:24 **Then Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar was amazed**, and stood up in haste and spoke and said to his counsellors, "Did we not throw three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the sovereign, "Certainly, O sovereign."

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, "Look! I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire. And they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of Elahin."

Dan 3:26 Then Nebukadnetstsar went near the mouth of the burning furnace of fire. He spoke and said, "Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aḃēd-Neḡo, servants of the Most High Elah, come out, and come here." Then Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aḃēd-Neḡo came from the midst of the fire.

Dan 3:27 And the viceroys, the nobles, and the governors, and the sovereign's counsellors gathered together, seeing these men on whose bodies the fire had no power, and the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments changed, nor did the smell of fire come on them.

Dan 3:28 **Nebukadnetzar responded and said,** “Blessed be the Elah of Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō, who sent His Messenger and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, **and changed the sovereign’s order,** and gave up their bodies, that they should not serve nor do obeisance to any elah except their own Elah!

Dan 3:29 “Therefore I make a decree that whoever of any people, nation, or language who speaks any wrong against the Elah of Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō, his limbs shall be taken, and his house made a dunghill, because there is no other Elah who is able to deliver like this.”

Dan 3:30 Then **the sovereign promoted Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō in the province of Babel.**

Having a ‘head’ knowledge and not a ‘heart’ knowledge of the Elah of Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō are two different things. Even demons know who YHWH is; but to submit one’s life to Him and walk with Yahusha as one’s Savior, is to truly know and belong to the one true living Elohim.

Identify villains of the Bible in the following free matching quiz. See next page.



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BIBLE QUIZ

BIBLE VILLAINS

Match the Bible villain on the left with the facts on the right.

- ___ Cain
- ___ Goliath
- ___ Pharaoh
- ___ King Nebuchadnezzar
- ___ Absalom
- ___ Judas Iscariot
- ___ Jezebel
- ___ Herod
- ___ King Belshazzar
- ___ Abimelech

1. Son of Jerobaal. Killed seventy family members.
2. A huge Philistine soldier from Gath. Fought David the shepherd and was killed by him.
3. Son of Adam and Eve. Killed his own brother.
4. Tried to kill young Yeshua and all the boys under two years old in Bethlehem.
5. Married to Ahab. A wicked queen who was thrown out a window and eaten by dogs.
6. Refused to free the Hebrews. Survived the Ten Plagues.
7. Threw three men into a fiery furnace because they would not worship him.
8. Drank wine out of cups from the temple in Jerusalem. Saw writing on wall. Was killed by the Medes and Persians.
9. A disciple of Yeshua who finally betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver.
10. Led a rebellion against his father, King David. Died after his long hair got caught in a tree.

Answers: Abimelech = 1, Goliath = 2, Cain = 3, Herod = 4, Jezebel = 5, Pharaoh = 6, King Nebuchadnezzar = 7, King Belshazzar = 8, Judas = 9, Absalom = 10.



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Psalm 107

We have been redeemed from the hand of the adversary! Selah.

Psa 107:1 Give thanks to יהוה! For *He is good*, For His **loving-commitment is everlasting**.

Psa 107:2 Let the redeemed of יהוה say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary,

Psa 107:3 And gathered out of the lands, From east and from west, From north and from south.

Psa 107:4 They wandered in a wilderness, in a desert way; They found no city to dwell in.

Psa 107:5 Hungry and thirsty, Their being in them grew faint.

Psa 107:6 Then they cried out to יהוה in their distress, He delivered them out of their troubles.

Psa 107:7 And He guided them by the right way, To go to a city to settle.

Isa 11:16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Ashshur, as it was for Yisra'el in the day when he came up from the land of Mitsrayim.

Psa 107:8 Let them give thanks to יהוה for His **loving-commitment**, And His wonders to the children of men!

Psa 107:9 For He has satisfied a longing being, And has filled the hungry being with goodness.

Psa 107:10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons,

Psa 107:11 Because they rebelled against the words of ĖI, And despised the counsel of the Most High.

Psa 107:12 And He humbled their heart by toil; They stumbled, and there was no one to help.

Psa 107:13 And they cried out to יהוה in their distress, And He saved them out of their troubles.

Psa 107:14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And He broke their chains in pieces.

Psa 107:15 Let them give thanks to יהוה for His **loving-commitment**, And His wonders to the children of men!

Psa 107:16 For He has broken the gates of bronze, And He cut the bars of iron in two.

Psa 107:17 Fools, **because of their transgression, And because of their crookednesses,** were afflicted.

Psa 107:18 Their being loathed all food, And they drew near to the gates of death,

Psa 107:19 And cried out to יהוה in their distress, He saved them out of their troubles.

Psa 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

Psa 107:21 Let them give thanks to יהוה for His **loving-commitment**, And His wonders to the children of men!

Psa 107:22 And let them slaughter slaughterings of thanksgiving, And relate His works with rejoicing.

We were once a ship without a rudder, tossed to and fro, by powerful 'life' storms and waves. We were totally helpless until we cried out to YHWH, save us!

Psa 107:23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Doing work in many waters,

Psa 107:24 They see the works of יהוה, And His wonders in the deep.

Psa 107:25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.

Psa 107:26 They go up to the heavens, They go down to the depths; Their being is melted because of evil.

Psa 107:27 They celebrate and stagger like a drunkard, And all their wisdom is swallowed up.

Psa 107:28 Then they cry out to יהוה in their distress, And He brings them out of their troubles.

Psa 107:29 **He caused the storm to be still, So that its waves were silent.**

Psa 107:30 And they rejoice because they are hushed; And He leads them to the haven of their delight.

Psa 107:31 Let them give thanks to יהוה **for His loving-commitment**, And His wonders to the children of men!

Psa 107:32 And **let them exalt Him** in the assembly of the people, And **praise Him in the seat of the elders.**

All life is in His hands. All creation does as He commands. **He can give; and He can take away.**

Psa 107:33 He makes rivers become a wilderness, And the fountains of water become a dry ground;

Psa 107:34 A land of fruit becomes a salty desert, For **the evil of those who dwell in it.**

He can provide for His people anywhere. He is the one that makes streams in a desert.

Psa 107:35 He makes a wilderness become a pool of water, And dry land become fountains of waters.

Psa 107:36 And He causes the hungry to dwell there, And they build a city to settle in,

Psa 107:37 And they sow fields and plant vineyards, And they make fruits of increase.

Psa 107:38 And He blesses them, And they increase greatly; And He lets not their cattle diminish.

When His people are mistreated through oppression; He pours scorn on nobles as we will read about with the fall of Babylon in the past; and Mystery Babylon's fall in the future.

Psa 107:39 But when they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, evil and sorrow.

Psa 107:40 **He pours scorn on nobles**, And causes them to wander in a pathless waste;

Psa 107:41 But **He raises the poor up from affliction, And makes their clans like a flock.**

Psa 107:42 The straight ones see, and rejoice, And all unrighteousness shuts its mouth.

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Psa 107:43 **Who is wise? Then let him observe these *matters!* Let them understand the loving-commitments of יְהוָה.**

The Fiery Furnace

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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